

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-17, 19-50, 52-63, 65 and 66.

Claims 1-3, 5, 8, 10-14, 23, 25-50, 52-63, 65 and 66 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 6, 7, 15-17, 19-22 and 24 have been amended to better conform them to U.S. patent practice. The amendments are not intended to narrow the scope of the claims.

New claims 67 and 68 have been added to provide additional claim coverage.

ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes claims 7 is generic. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects the species associated with Figs. 32-36 for examination on which claims 6, 7, 15-17, 19-22, 24, 67 and 68 are believed to be readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the


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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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